

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 22 September 1999
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Video Wholesalers Ltd
 Title of Publication: Gonzo Gluttons Volume #2 "Squirt-A-Thon"
 Other Known Titles: Squirt-A-Thon
 Director: Not Stated
 Producer: Alex Sanders
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
 Country of Origin: USA
 Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Gonzo Gluttons Volume #2 "Squirt-A-Thon"	Running time:	87.00
Trailers:	Safe Sex Notice	Running time:	1.02
	Video Wholesalers Notice		1.00
	Copyright Warning Notice		0.09
	Blow Me		2.04
	Swinger 3		2.15
	Whack Attack		2.05
	Please		1.27
	Infinite Bliss		1.32
	Search For The Snow Leopard		2.44

Total Running time: 101.18

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The publication entitled *Gonzo Gluttons Volume #2 "Squirt-A-Thon"*, is classified as objectionable.

The video recording tends to promote and support the use of urine in association with sexual conduct by presenting women urinating during vaginal intercourse. There are three instances where copious urination follows intense sexual stimulation. The camera focuses upon this emission in a manner which presents this use of urine as sexually arousing to the viewer. Even if these sequences were excised, the impact of the remaining material in the video recording would make its availability objectionable.

The remainder of the publication contains explicit depictions of sexual activity and a considerable extent of sexual and physical conduct towards females which strongly degrades and dehumanises them. The male participants treat the females with insufficient regard for their physical or emotional wellbeing. They talk to each other, often ignoring the females as if they do not exist. They treat them roughly, pulling their hair, hitting one of them quite hard on the buttocks, leaning heavily on them, pushing themselves down onto their faces or pulling them roughly towards them. Twice a male grabs a female by the throat, and on one occasion he spits on her. The focus upon females as sexual objects adds to the degrading and dehumanising nature of the publication.

The relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 were considered in relation to the video recording. The video recording contains material to which s3(2)(d) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act applies, namely the use of urine in association with sexual conduct. Section 3(2) is a deeming provision which cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms provided for under s14 of the NZBR Act. The Classification Office considered excision of the scenes falling 3(2)(d), however the remaining material would still make the publication objectionable because of its highly degrading and dehumanising treatment and portrayal of women.

When the likely injury of the degrading and dehumanising is weighed against the rights and freedoms provided for under s14 of the NZBR Act, the restriction placed upon the remainder of the publication is a demonstrably justified and reasonable limit upon freedom of expression.

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